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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 27, 2008.

A petition for a one (1) month extension of time up to and including September 27, 2008, is filed simultaneously herewith.

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